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BIG JAPANESE BATTLESHIP NOW LIES IN WAIT FOR LITTLE GERMAN CRUISER GEIER OFF PORT OF HONOLULU; CAPTAIN SAYS HE WILL STAY HERE

GREAT BATTLE IS RAGING LILLE TO OSTEND; ALLIES SAY IT IS SATISFACTORY

REPORTED THAT ALLIES HAVE OCCUPIED ROULERS—TANKER JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, WITH AMERICAN OFFICERS AND CREW, SEIZED BY BRITISH, TOGETHER WITH OTHER OIL SHIPS FORMERLY UNDER GERMAN REGISTRY—OFFICIAL DESPATCHES FROM BERLIN AND PARIS SHOW NO DEFINITE PROGRESS MADE BY EITHER SIDE IN RECENT LAND BATTLES—RUSSIA CLAIMS HER LOSSES AT PRZEMYSŁ GREATLY EXAGGERATED—MILITARY EXPERT IN BERLIN SAYS ALLIES' LOSSES AMOUNT TO 750,000 MEN—REPORT OF NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN BALTIC SEA UNCONFIRMED.

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

BORDEAUX, France, Oct. 21.—A great battle is being fought between Lille and Ostend. The Allies consider the situation eminently satisfactory.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Oct. 21.—The *Telegraaf* says that the Allies have occupied Roulers after a bombardment that lasted all Tuesday night. It is declared that the German resistance was fruitless.

Although the despatch is unconfirmed officially, it is circumstantially told and bears the earmarks of truth.

U. S. PROTESTS SEIZURE OF SHIP; LONDON SAYS KEROSENE IS CONTRABAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 21.—The state department has lodged a formal protest with Great Britain against the action of British war-vessels in seizing the American oil-tank steamer John D. Rockefeller, whose officers and crew are Americans.

The oil ship was bound for Copenhagen, a neutral port, laden with kerosene, which is not contraband of war.

The Standard Oil tankers Plutonia and Brindilla, formerly German vessels, have also been seized and taken to Halifax and Stornaway.

LONDON, England, Oct. 21.—The British government holds that kerosene is contraband, because it is capable of propelling automobiles, dirigibles and submarines.

It is stated that significant increases in the German importations of kerosene have lately been noticed.

German Troops West Of Lille Taking Offensive, Says Berlin

BERLIN, Germany, Oct. 21.—Official—Severe fighting continues on the River Yser. The enemy's artillery is supported from the sea northwest of Nieuport.

West of Lille the German troops are assuming the offensive and have repulsed the enemy at several points.

Nothing decisive has occurred in the eastern arena of war.

Paris Declares Violent Attacks On Allies Yesterday Repulsed

PARIS, France, Oct. 21.—Official—The enemy's violent attacks of yesterday at Nieuport, Dixmude and La Bassée have been energetically repulsed. The situation elsewhere is unchanged.

Refugee Says German Civilians Ordered To Leave Brussels

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Oct. 21.—A refugee arriving here from Brussels says that the German military commander of the former Belgian capital has placarded the city with proclamations advising German civilians to leave within 48 hours. This report is not confirmed.

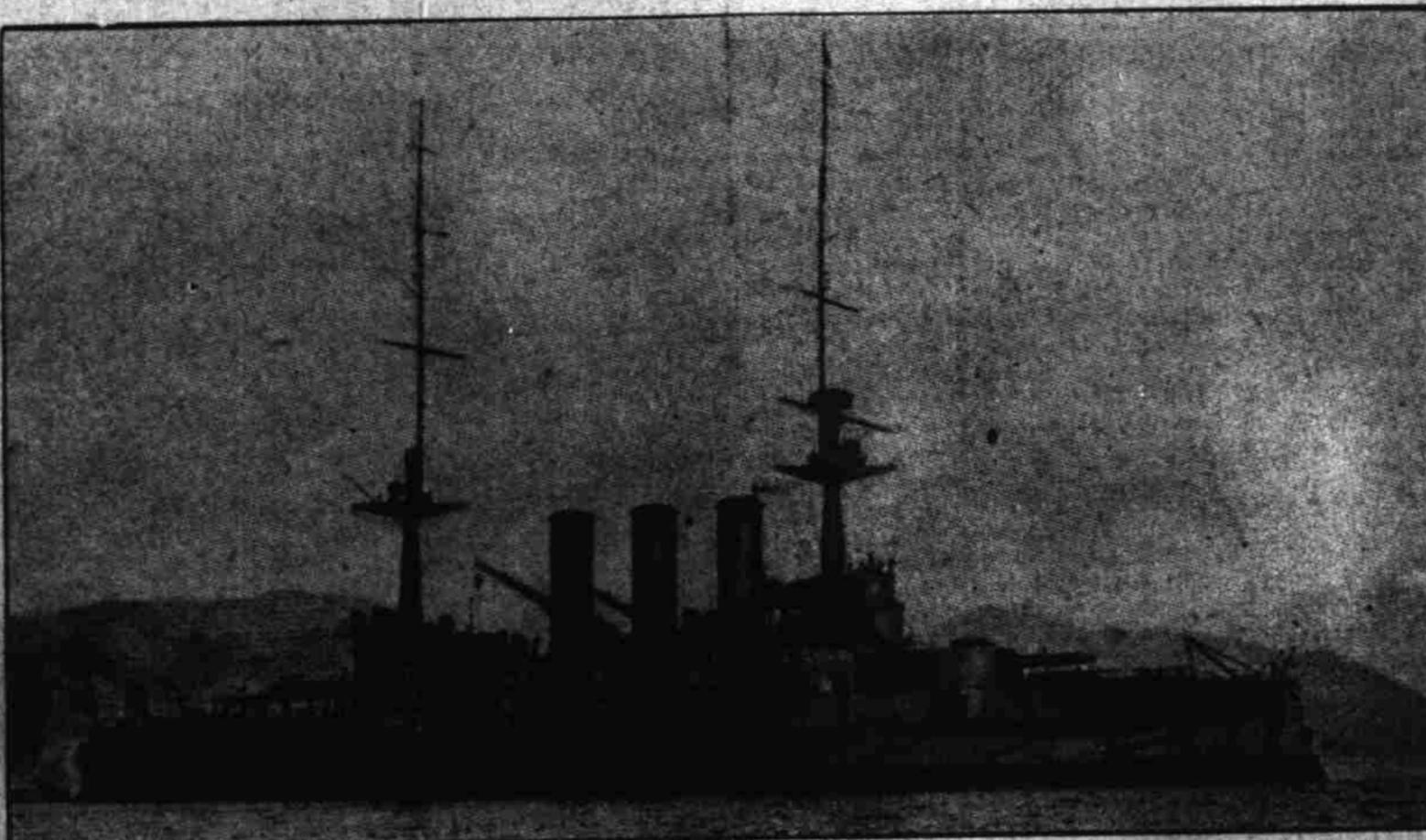
SAY JAPANESE LOST HEAVILY AT TSINGTAU

[Associated Press Service by Commercial Pacific Cable.] PEKING, China, Oct. 20.—Refugees who have arrived here from Tsingtau say that the Japanese losses in the assault on the German stronghold were several thousands, while the Germans lost only a few hundreds. The British, crossing a small inlet, lost heavily, according to reports.

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12,000-TON SEA-WARRIOR HIZEN LOOMS UP IN EARLY DAWN AND STEAMS SLOWLY OFF PORT

JAPANESE WARSHIP VISITS HONOLULU



Japanese battleship Hizen, formerly the Russian Retvizan, whose captain says he intends to stay in Hawaiian waters until the German cruiser Geier sails from this harbor.

HIZEN, FORMER RUSSIAN SHIP, SEES MUCH ACTIVE SERVICE

The battleship Hizen is of American manufacture having been laid down at the Cramp's Yard, Philadelphia, in 1898 and completed in 1902 at a cost of \$5,000,000.

This vessel was built for the Russian government and at the time of its completion was one of the banner ships in the Asiatic squadron. During the Russo-Japanese war the Hizen (then named the Retvizan) was captured by the Japanese.

The Hizen has a displacement of 12,700 tons and carries a complement of 750 men. Her length is 376 feet, beam 72 feet and maximum draught 23½ feet. Her armor is all of the Krupp manufacture, while her guns are Russian make, including four 12-inch, 40 cal., 12 6-inch, 45 cal., 20 12-pounders, 20 3-pounders and six 1-pounders. She is fitted with 18-inch torpedo tubes, two of which are submerged and two above water. Her average speed is 18 knots.

During the war referred to above the Hizen was torpedoed at Port Arthur, September 2, 1904. She was repaired and again badly damaged in the battle of Round Island. She was scuttled at Port Arthur and raised in September, 1905.

Carl Spaeth, Alleged to Have \$18,396.83 Belonging to Company on Nauru, Believed to Have Left Honolulu on Matsonia or O. D. J. Ahlers—Summonses Returned Unsigned.

Where is Carl Spaeth, former supercargo of the Norwegian steamer Prono, and where is the \$18,000 he is supposed to be holding in the name of the Pacific Phosphate Company of London? This is a question T. H. Davies & Company, the phosphate firm's Honolulu representative, would like to have some one answer definitely.

As stated in the Star-Bulletin yesterday, Spaeth, who is believed to be a citizen of Germany, was expected to depart on the Matsonia this morning. Davies & Company, through their legal counsel, Holmes, Stanley & Olson, aver Spaeth proposed returning to Germany with the money, which they say belongs to the British corporation and was entrusted to Spaeth to purchase supplies here for the firm's plantation on the island of Nauru.

But Spaeth refused to accept service of a replevin suit instituted last Saturday. And when Circuit Judge Robinson issued a restraining order yesterday, Deputy High Sheriff Patrick Gleason was unable to find Spaeth. He returned the order to court this morning and an alias writ was issued, armed with which Gleason made a search of the steamer Matsonia just before that vessel drew her lines and took her course for the coast. The deputy did not find his man; so far as known Spaeth is not yet located. And by the same token, neither has the \$18,000 been discovered.

If Spaeth got out of town, say the attorneys for Davies & Company, he left on the Matsonia thoroughly disguised or as a stowaway, or he may have obtained passage on the German steamer O. J. D. Ahlers which left this port last night for Hilo.

VERDON FORTS FALLING
SAYS LATE CABLEGRAM

Georg Radieck, German consul for Hawaii, today received through official channels the following cablegram:

"German Consul, Honolulu: "Several of the outer forts of Verdun have been taken."

Verdun is the French stronghold at which the Germans have been reported bettering for some time.

CAPT. KAWANAMI RECEIVES STAR-BULLETIN MEN AND FRANKLY DECLARIES PLANS

"I SHALL STAND BY AND WAIT FOR THE GERMAN CRUISER TO COME OUT," HE SAYS—GRIM FIGHTING MACHINE IS STRIPPED FOR ACTION AND BIG GUNS MENACE EVERYWHERE—REPORT THIS MORNING THAT GEIER WILL NOT LEAVE PORT FOR SOME TIME, OWING TO REPAIRS BEING MADE—RUMOR THAT SECOND JAPANESE WARSHIP WAS SEEN EARLY THIS MORNING, BUT DISAPPEARED LATER—GERMAN STEAMER AHLERS SLIPS AWAY FROM PORT SOME TIME IN NIGHT AND HEADS FOR HILO—CONJECTURE AS TO WHETHER SHE IS PURSUED BY SECOND JAPANESE VESSEL—BATTLESHIP HIZEN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CRUISING IN DEEPER SOUTH SEAS, THOUGH REPORTED 14 DAYS FROM JAPANESE COAST.

"I SHALL STAND BY AND WAIT FOR THE GERMAN CRUISER TO COME OUT. EVERY CARE WILL BE TAKEN NOT TO VIOLATE NEUTRALITY IN ANY WAY, BUT THE HIZEN WILL REMAIN CLOSE TO THE PORT OF HONOLULU NIGHT AND DAY. WHEN THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE GEIER ARE MADE IT WILL BE EXPECTED THAT SHE WILL LEAVE HONOLULU AND IF SHE WILL NOT GO, THEN UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAWS SHE SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO INTERN HERE."—Captain Kawanami, commander of the Hizen, in statement made to a representative of the Star-Bulletin this morning.

A big gray bulk loomed up in the early dawn this morning off the port of Honolulu and after the mission of the men had been explained, they were received on board with every courtesy. The Japanese officers welcomed them and listened with eagerness to the latest war news and to the statement of recent shipping movements around Honolulu.

A file of the Star-Bulletin, sent to the captain, was received and soon was being read eagerly. Later on the Star-Bulletin men were asked into the captain's cabin, where they were told frankly that the Hizen is here for a short while.

This afternoon the grim fighting-machine was still slowly moving about and the people of the port were watching it with interest. Then after the exchange of formalities, the captain told something of the Hizen's late movements.

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Commander Shikawa, next in rank to Captain Kawanami and who was chief of staff to Admiral Uriu during the Russo-Japanese war, stated that they kept a close watch for the German cruisers during the voyage, but saw none. He said that they were very much disappointed. Asked why they could not find the Germans, he laughed and said that the Pacific ocean is so great and broad that it was impossible for them to find where the enemy was traveling.

HEARS OF AHLERS' DEPARTURE.

When Commander Shikawa learned

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HINDU MURDERS B. C. OFFICIAL IN COURTHOUSE

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 21.—A Hindu has assassinated Immigration Inspector Hopkins in the courtroom. Hopkins was active in the Komagata Maru case, in which the Hindu immigrants were denied landing in British Columbia, the steamer being held in the harbor for two months, causing several serious revolts on the vessel among the Hindu passengers.

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Estimates French Wounded at 50,000; Says French Guns Best

LONDON, England, Oct. 20.—Dr. Leslie Guest, who established six Anglo-French hospitals in the field and is personally familiar with the battlefield conditions, estimates that the number of French wounded is 50,000. He says the condition of the German wounded shows that the French field artillery is more deadly than that of the enemy.

Report of Baltic Fight Unconfirmed

LONDON, England, Oct. 21.—The report of an important submarine and torpedo engagement in the Baltic sea is not confirmed.